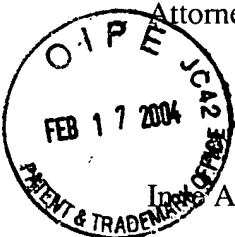


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REQUEST FOR NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT BE WITHDRAWN

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment dated January 29, 2004, Applicant hereby requests the Notice of Abandonment to be withdrawn, because Applicant has timely filed a response to the Final Office Action and the present application is not abandoned.

On June 10, 2003, before the due date of the Final Office Action dated March 10, 2003, a response was filed, as evidenced by the properly signed and dated Transmittal, a Preliminary Amendment, and Return Postcard date-stamped by the OIPE, a copy of which is enclosed. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the response to the Final Office Action was timely filed. Withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment is respectfully requested.

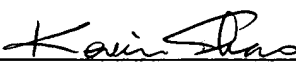
Applicant believes that there is no fee incurred in this matter. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (408) 720-8300.

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Respectfully submitted,

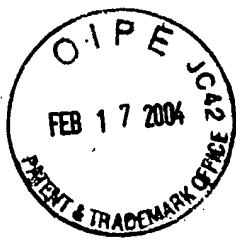
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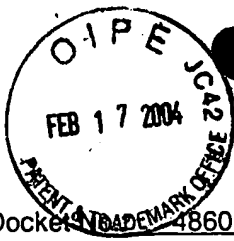


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SIR: Transmitted herewith is an **Amendment After Final Action** for the above application.

 Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.

 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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